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December 30, 2013

Cincinnati Insurance Company, The P O Box 145496 Cincinnati, OH 45250 NAIC # 10677

Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested 7012 3460 0002 8941 4164 Cashier # 13523

Re:

Charles Guest, Et Al V. Cincinnati Insurance Company, The

Docket # K0039191(C)

To Whom it May Concern:

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 56-2-504 or § 56-2-506, the Department of Commerce and Insurance was served December 26, 2013, on your behalf in connection with the above-styled proceeding. Documentation relating to the subject is herein enclosed.

Jerald E. Gilbert Designated Agent Service of Process

Enclosures

cc: Chancery Court Clerk Sullivan County P O Box 327 Blountville, Tn 37617

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CHARLES GUEST, CAROL GUEST, ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY, SR. (DECEASED), RUTH MONTGOMERY, ROBERT MONTGOMERY, JR. AND RANDALL MONTGOMERY, TRUSTEES FOR THE ROBERT H. MONTGOMERY **EQUIVALENT EXEMPTION TRUST** SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO ROBERT MONTGOMERY, SR., Plaintiff(s)

CHANCERY COURT AT Kingsport

Civil Action No. K0039191 (C)

Vs.

CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY, Defendant(s)

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Robert J. Jessee, Jessee and Jessee, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 412 E. Unaka. P. O. Box 997, Johnson City, TN 37605-0997, an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you within thirty (30) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Tested this 18th day of December 2013. Issued this 18 day of December 2013. Katherine Priester Clerk & Master Deputy Clerk & Master Received this ____ day of ______, 2013. Sheriff - Deputy Sheriff RETURN certify and return that I: served this summons together with the complaint as follows: falled to service this summons within thirty (30) days after its issuance because:

> Sheriff - Deputy Sheriff ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE

accept service hereby accept service of process in this case as fully and in all respects, as though I d been personally served by a Deputy Sheriff of Sullivan County, and I acknowledge that I received a copy of the summons and mplaint in this case.

Witness Defendant

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY AT KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE

CHARLES GUEST,
CAROL GUEST, ROBERT
H. MONTGOMERY, SR.
(DECEASED), RUTH
MONTGOMERY, ROBERT
MONTGOMERY, JR. AND
RANDALL MONTGOMERY,
TRUSTEES FOR THE ROBERT
H. MONTGOMERY EQUIVALENT
EXEMPTION TRUST SUCCESSORS
IN INTEREST TO ROBERT
MONTGOMERY, SR.,

Plaintiffs

VS.

Civil Action No. K0039191(c)

CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant

FILED 12-18, 2013 @1-310 a.m (p.m.)

Katherine Priester, Clerk & Master

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COMPLAINT

Comes now the Plaintiffs and would show this Honorable Court as follows:

- 1. Plaintiffs are all citizens and residents of Sullivan County and owners of real estate located 2971 Fort Henry Drive and 2975 Fort Henry Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee.
- 2. The Defendant, Cincinnati Insurance Company, is licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee with its mailing address at P.O. Box 145496, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250 and its home office located at 6200 South Gilmore Road, Fairfield, Ohio 45014. Service

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of process can be had on the Defendant through the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance.

- 3. That the Plaintiffs herein have purchased from the Defendant a policy of insurance labeled Business Owners Package Policy on or about the 12th day of December, 2009 being policy number EBP0047542 covering the business and building located at 2971 Fort Henry Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee 37664. A copy of this policy is attached hereto as *Exhibit I* to this Complaint. The policy in question was issued to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Guest and Dr. And Mrs. Robert Montgomery. Dr. Montgomery died on or about the 13th day of July, 2009 and his interest in the building and business, as a result of his death, was transferred to the Robert H. Montgomery Equivalent Exemption Trust with Robert Montgomery, Jr. and Randal Montgomery trustees. Ruth Montgomery is a beneficiary of the trust which includes the property in question.
- 4. That between December 21, 2011 and January 26, 2012, the business and building located at 2971 Fort Henry Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee 37664 was damaged by approximately 710,600 gallons of water. The drying and reconstruction of the building costs were \$164,460.74 and the cost for the water that came through the building was \$3,200. Plaintiffs have lost rental income as a direct result of Defendant's breach of contract.
- 5. Plaintiffs aver that said damages were covered by the policy of insurance and that demand has been made to the Defendant.

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- 6. Plaintiffs aver that the Defendant has breached its contract of insurance with the Plaintiffs and is estopped legally to deny coverage on the policy in question.
- 7. Plaintiffs avers that they duly filed a claim on the policy in question and received a denial of the claim by the Defendant on or about the 21st day of March 21, 2012, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- 8. Plaintiffs aver that pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 56-7-105 that the Defendant denied the claim in bad faith and that the Plaintiffs are entitled to additional damages pursuant to said statute; including but not limited to, prejudgment interest, lost rent, loss of use of the building, and attorney's fees.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray:

- 1. That process issue and be served on the Defendant through the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance.
- 2. That the Plaintiffs be awarded judgment in an amount not to exceed \$287,660.74 for the breach of the insurance contract by the Defendant for damages and lost rental income.
- 3. That the Plaintiffs be awarded additional damages pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 56-7-105 for the Defendant's bad faith refusal to pay the claim in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
- 4. That the Plaintiffs have such other general and further relief to which they may show themselves entitled to upon a hearing of this cause.

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Respectfully submitted,

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COST BOND

We acknowledge ourselves as security for costs.

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